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SUBJECT: UNDP-SPONSORED "ORDONNATEUR" FOR MINISTRY OF
FINANCE

REF: KINSHASA 9862

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED UNDP IN NEW YORK AND CONVEYED
BLUMENTHAL'S VIEW THAT EXPATRIATE "ORDONNATEUR" TO
AUDIT AND APPROVE GOVERNMENT EXPENSES NEEDED URGENTLY
IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE. ACCORDING TO UNDP, IT IS
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AWARE OF URGENCY BUT HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING CANDIDATES
AS ZAIRIANS HAVE REQUESTED THAT HE BE FINANCIAL
EXPERT AND FRENCH-SPEAKING, BUT NEITHER BELGIAN NOR
FRENCH. UNDP HAS CONCENTRATED ITS RECRUITING EFFORTS
IN CANADA BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY
CANDIDATES TO DATE.

2. REPORTEDLY UNDP'S HEAD OF AFRICA DIVISION, MICHEL DOO KINGUE, PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO KINSHASA IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH ZAIRIANS.

3. FYI: UNDP HAS INVITED USG TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES. IO RECRUITMENT OFFICE IS ACTIVELY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE CANDIDATES, BUT FRENCH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY POSES PROBLEM.

4. IN CONTRAST TO FOREGOING, ZAIRIAN COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE, EMONY, TOLD TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN ON SEPT. 26 THAT FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND THAT THE GOZ WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING ITS SELECTION FROM AMONG THIS GROUP. EMONY DID NOT EXPLICITLY INDICATE THAT THE NOMINEES HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE UNDP. CHRISTOPHER

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